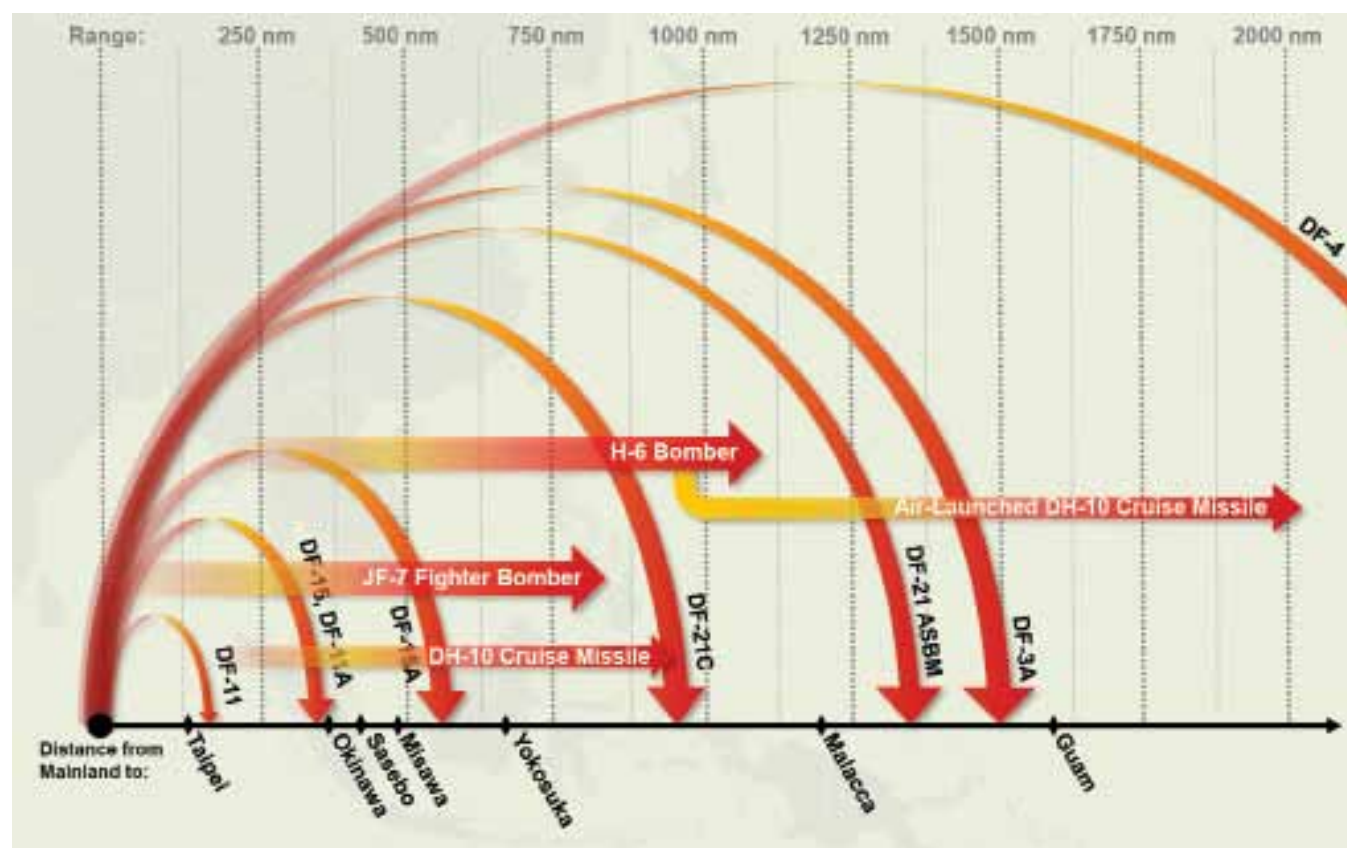


## The Long Reach of China's Weapons

China has built an "anti-access" barrier to US airpower with land-based ballistic and cruise missiles. These may be joined by air launched cruise missiles. In a recent study, the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments said Chinese missiles "in the thousands" threaten "all US operating bases" with "persistent"

attacks. Beijing's aim would be to deny US forces the ability to generate combat power from air bases and stifle operations in this "keep-out" zone. CSBA noted the existence of eight variants of Dongfeng (DF) missiles, two Donghai (DH) cruise missiles, and two bomber-type aircraft.

### Ranges of Missiles and Aircraft



Source: "AirSea Battle: A Point-of-Departure Operational Concept," report and briefing by Jan M. van Tol, Mark A. Gunzinger, Andrew F. Krepinevich Jr., and Jim Thomas, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C., May 18, 2010.